

Show Camp Student Text – Draft

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The Judging Begins

By Nehmat

Under 25s will participate in the Young Judges competitions during the Ekka this week to develop their judging skills.

Young Judges is important to the Ekka because it provides the chance for the next generation to develop their critical and creative thinking.

Competitions include the Prime Beef, Stud Beef, Grain, & Fruit & Vegetables, Poultry, Horse, Cake Decorating, Leather Work, Fish, Dairy Cattle & Wool, Dairy Goats and Stud Sheep.

Judges from each competition are looking for something that stands out in design and appearance.

On August 12, students from the Brisbane Show Camp participated in the Cake Decorating, Leather Work and Fish competition held in the Royal International Convention Centre. Many said it was a fun and memorable experience.

“It was really good. It was a hard decision but I really liked it,” said Emily Brown, Runner Up Most Successful Competitor.

Brooke Emery, another Young Judge, said, “I usually judge beef cattle, so its fun to do the cakes and the leathers.”

Many Young Judges really enjoyed the experience because of the prizes and the simple instructions received from expert judges.

To sign up for 2026, entrants can go to the Ekka website and find Young Judges in the competition section.

The Brisbane Show Camp is a joint program of The Department of Education Queensland and The Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland. The camp is conducted by the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre.



Understanding the placement of the cakes



Winning Young Judges